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NOTE TO: Director, Planning and Policy Staff

FROM: Acting Chairman, Critical Intelligence Problems Committee

SUBJECT: "View of the Future" 

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1. You asked for comments on NIC's "View of the Future" draft. Mine are brief:

- The "View" is largely conventional. It presents little grist for provocative NFIC discussion.
- The paper does not lead the discussants easily to specific issues. Adding a series of issue papers might help. For example, one extremely important long-term issue concerns the role of the DCI and the Community in general in supporting senior decisionmakers in an environment which is prompting those individuals to seek to establish elaborate communications networks linking them directly with key segments of the Community. I am thinking in particular of the Richard Beal initiative at the White House to link a crisis center into various Community centers with teletype, video, and the like. I submit that once this is done the next step is for all-source intelligence analysis and collection to be done by the White House recipient of the various data stream, and not by the DCI/IC.
- Most important, the paper does not incorporate a policy viewpoint. NIC is an intelligence element, with only a vicarious view of policy direction. Perhaps inviting people like General Stilwell, Kenneth Dam, Judge Clark, or others to the off-site session would help.

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2. I would be happy to discuss these in greater detail.

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